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Hi Kevin,

I hope all is well with you. I understand that Brian Hamilton is on Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) leave. I wanted to reach out in his absence to let you know about the unique arrangement Regions 2 and 3 have with the Seneca Nation concerning matters that affect the Allegany River Watershed. I'm cc'ing Michelle Price-Fay here, who is my counterpart in R3. Michelle has some experience working with the Seneca Nation on surface water issues.

We've been engaged in formal consultation with the Seneca Nation for several years about activities related to oil and gas development in Pennsylvania and how those activities might affect Seneca Nation waters. Whenever possible, we seek to let the Seneca Nation know about activities related to oil and gas discharges in the watershed before any actions or permitting decisions are taken.

When we began this process in 2018, we were focused on NPDES permitting, pretreatment and WQS but didn't engage with the UIC program.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the consultation process while Brian is out. Grant Jonathan, cc'ed here, is our tribal programs coordinator and has considerable experience with consultations. In the notice of tentative public hearing on EPA's website, we note "EPA expressly reserves the right to cancel this hearing unless a significant degree of public interest is evidenced by January 25, 2021." Please contact us in R2 if R3 is considering cancelling this hearing due to lack of interest (a request for formal consultation from a tribal nation is a significant request). It's possible that the SNI will request an extension to the public comment period- please also let us know if this is something R3 would consider *not* granting if received- we should discuss first.

Thanks so much and please let us know how we can help.

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Hello Mr. Rowsey

I am writing in regard to the proposed permit being issued to Roulette Oil and Gas. I am a representative for the Seneca Nation Environmental Program and we are requesting that the public hearing be held. The Seneca Nation is concerned that contaminants from the disposal well will end up in the headwaters of the Allegany River and pollute our territory. We would also like to request a formal consultation on the matter. I have reached out to EPA Region 2 representatives as well with our request. Please feel free to call or email with any questions.

Thank you,

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